

New Jersey Administrative Code 6A: 14-1.2(h) states that: Each board of education shall ensure that a special education parent advisory group is in place in the district to provide input to the district on issues concerning students with disabilities.

About Us:

Hawthorne Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is an all volunteer organization of parents/guardians of children with special needs. Our aim is to identify, address and advise on unmet needs and matters that pertain to the education, health and safety of children with special needs. We are committed to providing relevant information regarding special education and related services.

Who Should Attend SEPAC meetings?

*Anyone with a child in the school district (both in and out of district placements) with different learning needs; be they physical, emotional or behavioral.

*Anyone with a child eligible for or currently receiving services under an IEP or 504 plan.

*Anyone with an interest in advocating for children with special needs and helping us achieve our goals.

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**◆OFFICERS 2021-2022◆**

Co-Presidents: Dr. Annetta Hooper & Robyn Crawford  
 Vice President: Audrey Mioli  
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Dr. Annetta Hooper & Mariana Renna
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**Our Purpose:**

-Hawthorne SEPAC is charged under the NJ special education code to advise the Board Of Education on special education programs and services within the district.

-To promote communication between Hawthorne SEPAC with local, State and National organizations, committees and groups that support children with special needs.

-To provide direct input to the BOE, district and school administrations on the policies and programs that impact services and supports for children with special needs and their families.

-To include and increase the involvement of families of children with special needs in making recommendations on special education policy.

-To promote the inclusion of children with special needs, when appropriate, and advocate for the necessary supports within their schools and the community of Hawthorne.

-To strive to achieve mutual respect, understanding, support, safety and appropriate education for children with special needs while addressing possible overlapping concerns of special education and general education families.

-To facilitate a network of support between parents/guardians of children with special needs and professionals to address emotional, social and educational concerns through liaisons and workshops.

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Contact us: hawthorne.nj.sepac@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook: Hawthorne NJ SEPAC

Please check the district/school website regularly for important information, updates and notices from our SEPAC & join our email list so we can keep you up to date.

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL. CHILDREN ARE WELCOME & MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.